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Driving food truck culture

Halifax eatery.

Co-owner of Brooklyn Warehouse hopes other restaurants follow suit and rent food trucks when renovating

A north-end restaurant is driving gourmet food truck culture into Halifax by adopting an avant-garde approach to re-modelling.

The Brooklyn Warehouse is overhauling its kitchen. But rather than close shop, co-owners and father-son duo George and Leo Christakos rented the locally owned Nomad Gourmet food truck to keep their restaurant humming over the next few weeks.

"The food truck culture has gone crazy in the last three to four years," said Leo Christakos while sitting in the restaurant's dining room Thursday.

"We created a menu that reflects the food truck scene, but did it in our style."

Packed into the truck's humble kitchen, two chefs were all smiles as they chopped tomatoes and prepped for their first orders on Thursday.

Hours later, they would pass meals through what normally serves as a take-out window. The food would then be served to customers in the dining

room as usual.

Mark Gray, the restaurant's head chef, created its newly minted 10-item menu that puts a spin on traditional street cuisine and utilizes the truck's unique gear.

It features smoked duck caesar that includes "truck" smoked duck breast, chopped romaine, crispy pancetta and polenta croutons topped with That Dutchman Farm's dragon breath dressing for \$7.

The warehouse is using a grassroots crowd funding technique — borrowed from U.S. President Barack Obama — to help pay for the \$40,000 kitchen renovation. So far its raised \$3,525, according to its website.

George Christakos said the fundraiser is about giving back to the community and being transparent with customers about a growing restaurant's needs. "That interaction with the customer ... they're really able to latch onto our story and we have a deeper relationship with this customer than some of the other great restaurants that we friendly compete with."

ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO

Open for business

The Brooklyn Warehouse is open 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday until March 2.



Cook Brian Janes, right, passes out an order to Rayanne Nicholas at Brooklyn Warehouse on Thursday. The popular eatery is using a mobile food truck as a temporary kitchen while they expand their in-house facilities. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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Woods Harbour. Military resumes search for capsized boat

Patrols by three aircraft turned up no sightings of the intact hull of the fishing boat Miss Ally, which capsized in heavy seas off southwest Nova Scotia with the loss of five fishermen, RCMP say.

In a news release issued late Thursday, the Mounties said an armed forces Hercules was joined by aircraft from Transport Canada and Provincial Airlines in searching an area of more than 1,700 square kilometres.

Officials said some debris was sighted in an area near the last known position of Miss Ally, which overturned on Sunday. An initial analysis of photos taken during the patrol suggested the items were from the vessel.

The Mounties said they had consulted with the families of the fishermen, who were given the surveillance photos.

Police said two RCMP officers had boarded the CCG vessel Sir William Alexander and left Halifax for the debris field. Officials said an additional overflight would be conducted by the military on Friday.

"This is devastating to the families and to the entire community. These men were deeply loved and the loss of their young lives will impact the hearts and souls of the fishermen and their community for many years to come," RCMP Supt. Sylvie Bourassa Muise said in a statement.

Earlier on Thursday, grieving families in Woods Harbour had met with the RCMP, relieved to hear that the Defence Department agreed to return to the area to search for the upturned boat, last spotted by the coast guard Wednesday afternoon.

"I'm feeling elated right now," said George Hopkins, whose son Joel was aboard Miss Ally. "At least we're doing something." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Former basketball star Will Njoku jokes with Kynan Jackson, 8, on Thursday at the OneMatch registration event at the NSCC Waterfront Campus. Kynan has sickle-cell anemia and may need a stem-cell transplant one day. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Stem-cell gift a chance to save a life: Ex-hoops star

Sickle-cell anemia.

OneMatch swabs 106 new donors at NSCC event



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Kynan Jackson is an eight-year-old boy who can be shy around new people, unless you get him talking about sharks — his favourite subject.

He also has sickle-cell anemia and takes medication twice a day. His mother, Winnell, said he may need a stem-cell transplant one day, but there's a shortage of black donors.

"Members of the black community do not realize

Gift of life

"I didn't know someone being a stem-cell donor could really change a life, and I believe a lot of people don't know that." Will Njoku

that their support is needed," Hailu Mulatu, co-ordinator of OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network, said on Thursday during a registration event at the Nova Scotia Community College Waterfront Campus.

"There's 42 African-Canadians right now that need a stem-cell transplant, and their donors are going to be black donors, because ethnicity is very important."

Mulatu says less than one per cent of donors are black, while 75 per cent are white.

More than 100 young

people of diverse ethnicity were registered on Thursday.

Will Njoku, a motivational speaker and former star basketball player with the Saint Mary's Huskies, is raising awareness with OneMatch because of a family connection.

"I can remember ... my brothers and sisters being in the hospital off and on for days and weeks at a time, and I don't want to see anybody else go through that," Njoku said about his siblings' struggles with sickle-cell anemia.

Njoku smiles when he talks about Lawrence, his brother who died at the age of 19.

"He had lots of energy, you know, he was the king of St. Pat's," Njoku recalled. "He was the kid everyone aspired to be, and we just lost him one day. It was very difficult."

His sister Angela is battling the disease at 41, and is "an amazing woman," said Njoku, a draft pick of the NBA's Indiana Pacers in 1994.

"But she's inhibited by the disease because it takes so much out of her. I want her to go back to having a full life where she'll be able to care for herself," he said.

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Sex-worker victims. March court date set for man accused of murder

A senior Crown attorney has reaffirmed that discussions are still underway regarding the potential plea and sentencing of the man accused of killing a local sex worker.

Prosecutors and defence attorneys for Steven Elliot Laffin were in Nova Scotia Supreme Court Thursday morning, and asked for another adjournment until March 7.

Laffin has pleaded guilty to charges of aggravated assault, kidnapping, forcible confinement and uttering threats, all related to an attack on a sex-trade worker in August 2010.

The victim's identity is protected by a publication ban.

Laffin is also facing a charge of second-degree murder related to the death of 29-year-old Nadine Taylor, another sex-trade worker who disappeared in July 2010.

Justice Heather Robertson clarified the March 7 hearing is currently intended to set a date for sentencing, but a sentencing could take place, pending the outcome of conversations between the two sides.

"We've been in discussions with the defence with regards to both the homicide



Steven Laffin METRO FILE

and the aggravated assault," said senior Crown attorney Rick Woodburn outside court. "We set it over for a couple of weeks in order to continue discussions with regards to sentencing and parole eligibility."

Woodburn wouldn't confirm that Laffin is preparing to plead guilty and cautioned that he hasn't given up his right to a trial.

"We entered into discussions, but we can certainly set more dates in the future for a trial," he said.

Defence attorney Kevin Burke confirmed discussions with the Crown are underway, but didn't want to get into details. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

School locked down. Police answer bogus call about student with weapon

A Dartmouth high school was on lockdown for about half hour Thursday after receiving a call about a student with a weapon inside the school.

Halifax Regional Police say Prince Andrew High School received an anonymous call around 11 a.m. about a specific student in the school who was allegedly armed with a weapon.

Const. Pierre Bourdages says the school went into lockdown and police were called to the scene.

Bourdages says the school

Mischief

- Police say the incident is being considered a public mischief investigation.

was evacuated and the student was not located.

He says officers found the student at his home, and police do not believe he had a weapon.

The lockdown was lifted at 11:30 a.m. METRO

Fredericks found not guilty in drug death at house party

Prescription drugs.
Judge says Crown
hadn't proven beyond
a reasonable doubt the
accused gave victim
hydromorphone



Kyle Fredericks leaves Kentville court on Thursday. KENTVILLE REGISTER

A Somerset man has been cleared of any criminal wrongdoing in the death of Joshua Graves.

Kyle David James Fredericks didn't have much to say to media as he walked away from Kentville provincial court a free man on Thursday.

Judge Alan Tufts found the 23-year-old not guilty on charges of criminal negligence causing death, and trafficking a substance held out to be hydromorphone.

The charges were laid last year in relation to the death of Joshua Graves following a house party in Berwick on March 18, 2011. Fredericks pleaded not guilty to the charges June 11, 2012.

Mike Graves, father of the late Joshua Graves, said the family is saddened by the decision. However, Graves said he recognizes the charges were difficult to prove.

He said he is discouraged by the legal system and government and said it appears they have no courage to step up and deal with the prescription-drug problem in the community.

"This probably won't be the last time we hear about something like this," Graves said. "We need the courage of

government and the legal system to take a stand."

He said he is proud of his daughter, Amy Graves, for bringing the matter to the forefront publicly and raising the level of awareness in the community. He said she is the family's champion of the cause.

Outside the courthouse, David Fredericks, Kyle's father, said they are happy with the decision. Fredericks said there was nothing to prove the allegations against his son. Fredericks said it's great to be able to see Kyle without a pane of glass in between them. The family planned to take Kyle out to dinner to celebrate his freedom.

KING'S COUNTY REGISTER

'Senseless tragedy'

In giving an oral summary of his written decision, Judge Alan Tufts said this case arose out of a "very sad and senseless tragedy."



Amy Graves, sister of the late Joshua Graves (in photo Amy is holding), wasn't present for the court decision on Thursday. KING'S COUNTY REGISTER

- He said it is clear Joshua Graves's death has had a profound effect on those who knew him.
- "Undoubtedly, anyone who

lost a son or daughter, brother or sister, grandchild, niece or nephew, neighbour or friend, would be affected by such a sad and tragic event," Tufts said.

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Kiss bassist Gene Simmons at the show at the Halifax Common in 2009. METRO FILE

Metro Centre confirms it's in talks with Kiss

Rock on. No date for show set, however



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The Halifax Metro Centre has confirmed it's in preliminary discussions with the promoters of Kiss about staging a show at the downtown venue.

Trade Centre Limited spokeswoman Stacey McCarthy

says the band's promoters have reached out and a few potential dates have been tossed around, but nothing is confirmed.

"We don't have anything booked. No contracts have been signed," said McCarthy on Thursday. "At this point, there is no concert as of yet, but they have explored some dates."

According to band member Gene Simmons' website genesimmons.com, the group is coming to Halifax for a concert on Thursday, Aug. 1.

McCarthy wouldn't say if

Four decades

The band's official website said it's celebrating four decades of Kiss this year.

Aug. 1 was a date that is being considered for the show.

Simmons' website has Kiss playing across Canada from July 5 through to Aug. 3, with other Atlantic Canada stops including St. John's, N.L., and Saint John, N.B.

The news was circulating on social media Thursday and fans were quick to celebrate.

"My day is complete. KISS coming to Halifax," said @staceyoxner on Twitter.

The makeup-clad band last played Halifax on July 18, 2009, when thousands came out to the Halifax Common for a rainy outdoor show.

If the legendary rock band does head to Halifax, it will be the second big concert of the summer. Rush is slated to play the Metro Centre on July 12.

Spryfield shooting. Halifax police still hunting second suspect

Halifax police are still "actively" seeking the second man wanted for attempted murder after a home invasion in Spryfield.

Christian Enang Clyke, 20, remains at large after the incident Tuesday night.

Two men broke into an apartment on Forbes Street and chased a man inside out of the building. Two shots were fired once the trio was outside.

No one was hurt, and investigators say it is not a random incident.

Police obtained Canada-wide warrants for Clyke and Anthony Michael Leadley on Wednesday. Leadley was arrested in a Dartmouth home around 6 p.m. the same day.

Halifax Regional Police spokesperson Const. Pierre Bourdages said Clyke is known to police and it's hoped he'll soon be in custody as well.

"We're very concerned



Christian Enang Clyke
POLICE HANDOUT

... given the serious nature of the charges," said Bourdages.

Both men are facing 23 charges that include several weapons-related offences, aggravated assault and attempted murder.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

Investigation

Halifax man charged with online fraud

Fraud investigators in Halifax have charged a Herring Cove Road man in connection with a country-wide online scam.

Between Oct. 27, 2012 and Feb. 6, people from across Canada responded to an online ad offering airline points for sale. The victims agreed on a price by email and transferred funds to a buyer — but

never received the points.

A total of seven people have contacted police about the same so far.

A release from Halifax Regional Police says investigators carried out a search warrant at a home on Herring Cove Road at 8 a.m. Thursday, seized electronic equipment, and arrested a suspect without incident.

Jonathan David O'Brien, 22, is facing charges of fraud over \$5,000 and breaching court orders.

More charges are expected, police say.

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'Flirt a little'

Nova Scotians to fight it out on Big Brother Canada

The first batch of contenders seeking the Big Brother Canada crown includes a Halifax resident.

Andrew Monaghan — originally from Corner Brook, Newfoundland — is an insurance sales trainer in HRM who will compete against 14 other house-

guests on the first season of the original reality TV show.

Monaghan, 38, says in his online bio that his strategy is to "have no strategy," just like fellow Nova Scotian, teacher Jillian MacLaughlin of New Glasgow.

Dairy farmer Emmett Blois of Gore, N.S., suggests he'll "flirt a little" in hopes of winning the \$100,000 prize.

The series debuts on Slice Canada Feb. 27.

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Andrew Monaghan CNW GROUP/Slice

Pastry shop

Scanway Catering closing doors

Scanway Catering is closing its main pastry shop March 2. A release says a buyer made a "superb offer" for the building at 6088 Quinpool Rd. that couldn't be refused. Executive chief and co-owner Geir Simensen says pastries and cakes will be made in the company's commercial kitchen at the Maritime Centre. **METRO**

May closure

Abattoir to close slaughter ops

A meat processing facility in northeastern N.S. says it will close its slaughter operations in May. In a statement released Thursday, officials with Antigonish Abattoir says the slaughter facility is nearing the end of its operational life and would require significant upgrades to meet certification. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Duncan MacMillan

Computers stolen in school break-in

RCMP in Sheet Harbour are investigating a break-in and theft at Duncan MacMillan High School. Officers responded to an alarm at the school at 3 a.m. Thursday and found someone had broken into the building. Several computer towers, flat screen monitors and keyboards had been stolen. **METRO**

Snag befalls Muskrat Falls case

Legal challenge.
Judge denies delay from legal novice

A Newfoundland man's single-handed court challenge of the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project got off to a rough start Thursday as the judge refused to hear one of his main arguments.

Judge Gillian Butler said Brad Cabana, a self-represented legal novice, should have sent the federal Attorney General a copy of his statement of claim. It alleges various constitutional violations that he asserts should halt the \$7.7-billion development in Labrador.

Instead, the 48-year-old political blogger and small businessman had sent an email regarding the four-day hearing in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. He said he received an acknowledgment from Ottawa but no reply.

At issue are changes to the provincial Electrical Power Control Act, and a subsequent water management agreement,

Hydro plans

Muskrat Falls is expected to begin generating hydro by 2017 that would be sent to N.L. and then N.S. through a vast network of transmission lines and subsea cables.

which Cabana says violate Hydro-Quebec's contracted water-flow rights on the Churchill River.

"It's a critical part of my argument," Cabana said.

He asked for a 10-day delay to file the required documents but lawyers for the provincial government, the Innu Nation and the province's Crown corporation Nalcor Energy objected and Butler ultimately dismissed the request.

"This court should not be used as Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park," said Nalcor Energy lawyer Thomas Kendell. He said Cabana shouldn't be allowed to tie up costly court time to air "personal grievances" that would be better expressed through public protest, the media or at the ballot box.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Would you like a side of lineup with that?

A hungry lunch crowd lines up down the block to get a free burger at The Works, which held its grand opening Thursday on Doyle Street in Halifax. All donations from patrons went to support Feed Nova Scotia. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

North end

City seeking input on two roundabouts

The municipality is hosting a public-consultation ses-

sion to solicit input on the redesign of two intersections in the north end.

The junctions of North Park-Cunard and Agricola, as well as North Park-Rainie-Cogswell don't meet national standards and need to be upgraded, for reasons

that are evident to anyone who's driven through them.

HRM staffers are recommending roundabouts at both locations.

A public meeting on the proposal is set for Feb. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Olympic Community Centre

on Hunter Street.

The session will be streamed live online, and residents can also complete an online survey. More information can be found online at halifax.ca/shapeyourcity.

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Union fears civil servants will be assaulted over EI overhaul

Employment insurance. Employees have been hand-delivering surprise papers to EI recipients

The union representing federal employees is asking the government to stop sending its workers for unannounced visits to the homes of employment insurance recipients.

The union says it fears for

the safety of its employees, given the level of public anger over changes to the EI system.

"We've been hearing from (civil servants) who have gone to houses ... and they've been badly received," Larry Rousseau, a spokesman for the Public Service Alliance of Canada, said Thursday.

He spoke following a report by The Canadian Press that public servants have been making unannounced

visits since January as part of an examination while EI is being overhauled.

During those visits, federal employees have been hand-delivering questionnaires and requests for people to appear at their regular EI interviews.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended the house calls when asked Thursday.

"Every year, unfortunately, in our employment insurance system, hundreds of

millions of dollars are identified or are lost through false, fraudulent or inappropriate claims," he said.

About 1,200 beneficiaries will be visited through the end of next month.

From now on, people who frequently claim EI are expected to accept any job for which they're qualified within 100 kilometres of home, as long as the pay is 70 per cent of their previous salary.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Edmonton. Murder added to charges after parents' alleged abuse of twin girls

An Edmonton couple charged with starving and abusing their young twins are to appear in court Friday on new charges of second-degree murder and criminal negligence causing the death of one of the girls.

In addition, they will still face original charges of aggravated assault, criminal negligence causing bodily harm and failing to provide the necessities of life.

Paramedics were called last May to a home where they found the two-year-old girls suffering from injuries and severe malnourishment. Police said they weighed just 13 and 16 pounds.

One of the girls, known in court documents as M, went into cardiac arrest and spent the next three months in a coma virtually brain dead.

Doctors said she had an irreversible brain injury and would never regain consciousness, but the parents fought to keep her on life support, citing their religious beliefs as Muslims and their love for the girl.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice June Ross ruled she should be taken off life support. She died Sept. 20.

The surviving twin and an older brother, who had not been injured, are now in foster care. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Las Vegas killing sets off lethal chain reaction

Police rope off the scene of a shooting and multi-car accident on the Las Vegas Strip early Thursday. Authorities say at least one person in a Range Rover shot at people in a Maserati that then crashed into a taxi. The cab burst into flames, and the driver and passenger were killed. The male driver of the Maserati also died, and his passenger was shot. STEVE MARCUS, LAS VEGAS SUN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California

U.S. faces test of gay-marriage talk

The Obama administration is considering urging the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn California's ban on gay marriage.

The administration faces heightened expectations from gay-rights supporters after President Barack Obama, who only last year came out with his support, has become far more vocal in his second term.

His administration has a week to file a brief outlining its opinion on the California ban, known as Proposition 8. While it is unlikely to sway the high court, the government's opinion does carry weight with the justices.

Opponents of the ban believe the president signalled his intentions when he declared in last month's inaugural address that homosexuals must be "treated like anyone else under the law."

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Winnipeg

Former Scouts leader admits to sexual abuse

A former leader with Scouts Canada has pleaded guilty in Winnipeg to several sex charges involving minors.

Stuart Garrett Young, 40, has admitted to sexual assault, sexual exploitation, making child pornography and other offences.

His sentencing hearing is set for April 15.

Young was a longtime volunteer with Scouts Canada and helped run an outdoor program for kids 14 to 17 years old.

At the time of his arrest last summer, police alleged Young had abused one of his victims from 2009 to 2011.

Young was suspended from Scouts Canada as soon as the group became suspicious of him and notified police.

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India. Police search for men accused of raping and killing three sisters

Indian police said Thursday they have launched a manhunt for men suspected of raping and killing three sisters, aged 5 to 11, in the latest case of sexual violence to grip the country.

The sisters' bodies were found in a village well in Maharashtra state on Feb. 14 after they had gone missing from school, police officer Javed Ahmed said. The area is more than 1,000 kilometres south of New Delhi, the capital.

As the victims' mother accused police of a shoddy investigation, enraged villagers forced shops to close, burned tires and blocked a national highway passing through the area for several hours on Wednesday, demanding justice.

New law

A new law enacted by the Indian government has increased the sentences for rape from the existing seven to 10 years to a maximum of 20 years. It also provides for the death penalty in extreme cases of rape that result in death or leave the victim in a coma.

nesday, demanding justice.

One police officer has been suspended for not acting promptly, said Indian Heavy Industries Minister Praful Patel.

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Germany

Catholic hospitals can prescribe pill to rape victims

Roman Catholic-run hospitals can prescribe limited emergency contraception to rape victims, German bishops said Thursday as

they sought to contain fallout from an embarrassing recent case in which two hospitals refused to treat a woman.

The German church was under pressure to clarify its stance after two Catholic hospitals in Cologne turned away a rape victim because of concerns over the pill.

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New detective takes over Pistorius murder case



Investigating officer Hilton Botha sits inside the witness box during the bail hearing for Oscar Pistorius at the magistrate court in Pretoria, South Africa, on Thursday. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sensational twist.

Prosecutors say timing of murder charges against detective leading investigation 'totally weird'

Ahead of a judge's decision on whether to release Oscar Pistorius on bail, South African police on Thursday appointed a new chief detective in the murder case, replacing a veteran policeman who is himself charged with attempted murder.

The sensational twist in the state's troubled investigation fuelled growing public fascination with the case against the double-amputee Olympian, who is charged with premeditated murder in the shooting death of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, in the early hours of Valentine's Day.

Much of the drama Thursday, however, happened outside the courtroom as South African police scrambled to get

Discrepancies

- Botha acknowledged Wednesday in court that nothing in Pistorius' version of the fatal shooting of Steenkamp contradicted what police had discovered, even though there have been some discrepancies.
- Botha also said that police had left a 9 mm slug in the toilet and had lost track of allegedly illegal ammunition found in Pistorius' home.

their investigation on track.

The decision to put police Lt. Gen. Vinesh Moonoo in charge came soon after word emerged that the initial chief investigator, Hilton Botha, is facing attempted murder charges, and a day after he offered testimony damaging to the prosecution.

Police say they found out about it after Botha testified in Pistorius' bail hearing Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Man says sorry for false 'starlight tour' tale

Native-police relations.

He had accused officers of dumping him in remote location, but GPS and video proved the claim a lie

A young aboriginal man has apologized for falsely accusing two police officers of taking him on a so-called

starlight tour.

Winnipeg police and native leaders hope the apology will help improve the sometimes-bitter relationship between officers on the beat and aboriginal residents in the inner city.

"I'm sorry for jeopardizing the reputation of the Winnipeg Police Service. I want to say sorry to the police officers for putting them in that situation," Evan Maud, 22, said Thurs-

Turning his life around

"I was able to ... graduate school. I'm now doing good things for myself."

Evan Maud, who has trained to become a welder.

day. The public show of remorse was part of a restorative justice program that allowed Maud to avoid trial

on a public-mischief charge.

"I'm also deeply sorry to their families, friends and colleagues for causing them to doubt, mistrust and question the two police officers."

On Dec. 3, 2010, Maud claimed that he had been walking down a street when he was stopped by two officers in a patrol car who accused him of being drunk. He said the officers drove him outside city limits, took his coat and left him

alone in freezing weather.

The tale bore striking similarities to stories of starlight tours in other cities.

Starlight tour is the name used when suspected troublemakers are dropped off far from home rather than police following through with an official arrest.

Maud's story quickly unravelled. Video from Winnipeg Transit showed that he

was on board a bus at the time. And the police cruiser's GPS showed the vehicle wasn't anywhere near city limits.

Maud did not say why he made up the story. His uncle, Joseph Maud, would not elaborate other than to say his nephew had been under the influence of alcohol. "It's between him and the Creator.... He acknowledged today that he is sorry." THE CANADIAN PRESS



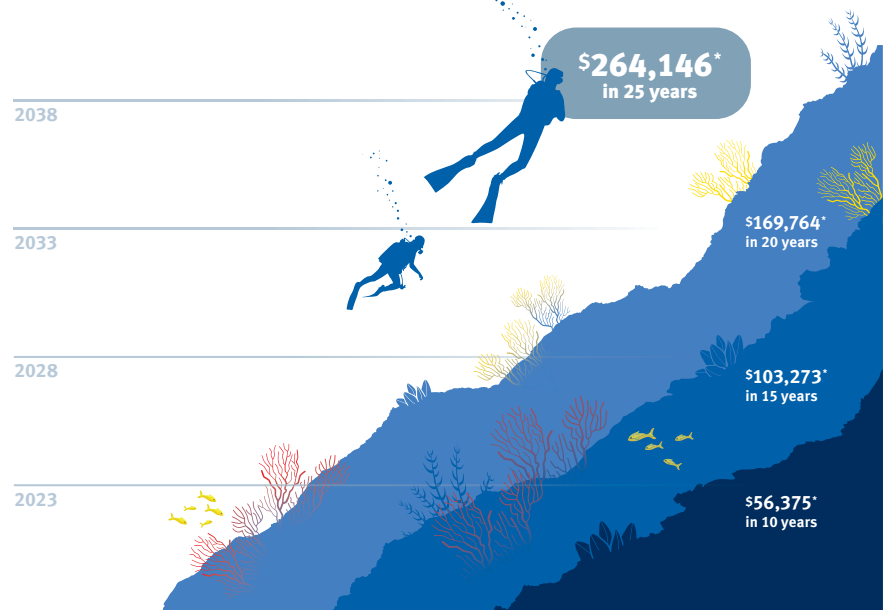
Awards season at Toronto Zoo

Aurora, a female polar bear, 12, walks in her enclosure at the Toronto Zoo on Thursday. Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent was at the zoo, where he was presented with the Champion of Polar Bears award from Polar Bears International. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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This year's flu shot was not much help to seniors: Data

This year's flu vaccine provided little protection to people 65 and older who got a shot, new data released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control reveal.

The study estimates how well the vaccine did at preventing people from becoming sick enough to need to see a doctor — preventing “medically attended flu” in influenza science parlance.

And the data suggest this year the vaccine didn't perform very well for older adults.

It found that a flu shot cut an older adult's risk of contracting a case of influenza A H3N2 that needed medical care by only nine per cent.

When the scientists calculated the overall effectiveness — the vaccine's ability to prevent medically

attended flu caused by both flu A and B viruses — the estimate was 27 per cent for older adults.

The findings are disappointing given the H3N2 component in this year's vaccine is well matched to the viruses circulating. Paradoxically, the B component of the vaccine isn't as closely matched to circulating viruses, yet it is performing better, according to the study.

Dr. Joe Bresee, a flu expert with the CDC, said older adults need to know that if they got a flu shot and they develop flu-like illness, they may have influenza and should see a doctor to determine if they should take antiviral drugs.

“We wanted to make sure that people knew that — especially if you're elderly to know that — because we still want to communicate the fact that if you do get sick, get anti-virals. And don't assume just because you got the vaccine, that that flu-like illness you've got can't be flu,” said Bresee, who heads the CDC flu division's epidemiology team.

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Carlos Maisonet, 73, reacts as a doctor injects him with flu vaccine during a visit to a Brooklyn Hospital in New York. REBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Massimo Lecas, co-owner of Buonanotte restaurant, poses for a photograph with a menu at the restaurant in Montreal, Wednesday. The Office Québécois de la langue française had warned him there's too much Italian on the menu of his Italian restaurant. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scusi! We were too tough on Italian menu: Quebec gov't

French-language laws.

Quebecers joked about how they would never relinquish their right to eat pasta after spat

Incident draws ridicule

“I don't think the future of French will be determined by Italian menus, or Japanese sushi.”

Former politician Mario Dumont, criticizing the OQLF for its mistake.

The Quebec government says its language watchdog was a little too aggressive in chasing after an Italian restaurant for excessive use of Italian on its menu.

The provincial minister responsible for language says she realizes the agency went too hard after the Montreal restaurant Buonanotte.

“I recognized that there was an excess of zeal,” Diane De Courcy told reporters Thursday in Quebec City.

Speaking more generally, she said similar mistakes wouldn't be made in the fu-

ture. She said the Office Québécois de la langue française (OQLF) would be more careful to use a loophole in the application of the language law that offers some leeway for foreign cultural and food products.

“Not that there's ever a 100 per cent guarantee — these are human beings doing these inspections,” De Courcy said.

It's an abrupt reversal of roles for the Parti Québécois government — which has

spent years, since its days in opposition, urging the office to apply the law more strictly.

The organization has even received a six per cent budget increase this year, to \$24.7 million. The agency recently visited the Montreal eatery after receiving a citizen's complaint, and it agreed that certain words on the menu needed to be switched to French.

Among them: “pasta,” “calamari” and “bottiglia” (which means “bottle” in Italian). They did leave the word “pizza” alone.

The incident also encouraged other business owners to go public with their disputes with the OQLF. One included a British-style fish and chips restaurant that said it was being forced to lose the “fish and chips.”

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Hotel water tests OK where Canadian found in cistern

Cecil Hotel near Skid Row. LAPD said the death is 'suspicious'; water tests 'didn't find any live bacteria that would cause illness'

Canadian tourist Elisa Lam had been missing for about two weeks when officials at the historic Cecil Hotel in downtown Los Angeles found her body in a water cistern on the hotel roof.

Guest complaints about low water pressure prompted a maintenance worker to make the gruesome discovery Tuesday, and officials were trying to determine if the 21 year old was killed or if her death was just a bizarre accident.

The discovery of Lam's body called into question the safety of the hotel's water. She was found in one of four cisterns that provide guests with water for washing and drinking. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials issued a



These images taken from a security video show a woman believed to be Canadian tourist Elisa Lam on the last day she was seen alive. The still on the left shows her hiding in an elevator in the Cecil Hotel in L.A. on Jan. 31. In the photo on the right, she quickly peeks out the door of the elevator before jumping back inside. Lam's body was found in a cistern on the hotel's roof. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

do-not-drink order and County health official Angelo Bellomo says chlorine in the water likely killed any bacteria in the tank where Lam's body was found. The lab tests didn't find any live bacteria that would cause illness. Terrance Powell of the L.A. County Department

of Public Health said the likelihood of contamination was minimal given the large amount of water the body was found in.

LAPD Sgt. Rudy Lopez called Lam's death suspicious. Before she died, hotel surveillance footage showed her inside an

elevator pushing buttons and sticking her head out the doors, looking in both directions.

Lam, of Vancouver, travelled alone to Los Angeles on Jan. 26 and was last seen five days later at the hotel near Skid Row. The cisterns are on a platform above the roof.

To get to the tanks, someone would have to go to the top floor then take a staircase with a locked door and alarm preventing roof access. A ladder would have to be taken to the platform and the side of tank would have to be climbed.

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U.S. Laura Bush wants out of pro-gay marriage ad

Former U.S. first lady Laura Bush wants to be removed from a pro-gay marriage group's advertising campaign featuring prominent people speaking on the topic.

The Respect for Marriage Coalition has launched print, television and online ads that also include clips of President Barack Obama, former vice-president Dick Cheney and former Secretary of Defense Colin Powell talking about same-sex marriage.

Bush spokeswoman Anne MacDonald says Bush "did not approve of her inclusion in this advertisement nor is she associated in any way with the group that made the ad."

The campaign features a clip of Bush saying on CNN, "When couples are committed to each other and love each other then they ought to have the same sort of rights that everyone has."

The coalition is made up of more than 80 organizations supporting gay marriage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Self-made millionaire Arlene Dickinson was a struggling single mom of four when she turned Venture Communications into one of Canada's largest and most successful communications firms. CHRISTOPHER WAHL/CONTRIBUTED

A DRAGON'S
EYE VIEW

Entrepreneur and TV personality Arlene Dickinson weighs in on Canada's innovation inertia



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The 2008 recession put a damper on **innovation** in Canada, says Arlene Dickinson of Dragons' Den, and while things are now "turning a corner," she believes the country still has a long way to go.

"Other places have been innovating at a **rapid** speed, and we haven't been putting as much time and attention into it," Dickinson told Metro in a recent interview.

"My concern about the state of innovation is that it's lagging behind."

The problem, according to the high-profile investor and businesswoman, is not a lack of **entrepreneurial spirit** in Canada.

Quite the contrary, in fact. "You think about Dragons' Den and the number of entrepreneurs in the country that are coming forward — I think

we are being very entrepreneurial," Dickinson said.

"But that's kind of a new **phenomenon**. That's happened in the last three or four years as we come out of a bad economy, because that's what's going to drive a new economy."

The sticking point for many of these would-be innovators is going from **concept** to **commercialization**.

As an example, she pointed to the "3-D Sawhorse" — an innovative hardware product developed in the garage of 82-year-old Sam Koffski, which Dickinson snapped up on Season 6 of Dragons' Den.

Falling behind

"Other places have been innovating at a **rapid** speed, and we haven't been putting much time and attention into it."

Venture Communications CEO Arlene Dickinson

The elderly entrepreneur had a great idea on his hands, Dickinson said, but struggled finding the **effective** financing, patents, manufacturing and distribution.

With a little help, though, that soon changed, and the product could hit retail shelves by the spring.

"It's about to go into stores, hopefully, across the world," Dickinson said. "Sometimes what great **ideas** need is just somebody to open the doors and also to put the weight behind the idea to make it successful."

On a broader scale, Dickinson said Canada needs to change its **mentality** when it comes to innovation and make it a large part of the national discourse.

"We have to start talking about it more, making it part of the conversation of business in this country," she said. "If we don't, we're going to be in trouble. We're going to be left behind, absolutely."

Canada's closet of colossal failures

With great ideas come great failures, and Canada has had plenty of failures. But that's really no surprise given Canadians' entrepreneurial spirit.

Tom Villedmaire is the co-author of Colossal Canadian Failures, a short history of things that seemed like a good idea at the time and an ode to Canada's innovative spirit gone **haywire**. Metro spoke with him about why failure is an important step in the innovative process.

In terms of innovation, where exactly did most of these ideas fail?

A lot of these so-called failures were victims of timing — they were good ideas but out of synch with the times. Some were marketing failures — the consumers just weren't convinced of the **potential**. Others were situations where the inventor was the victim of backers who lost confidence too early or got greedy. And some were just weird. George Kavanaugh's idea to use carrots for rectal treatment (with a recess in the carrot for medication) was really an odd idea from the start. And the idea of a perpetual motion machine made from wood — which, as we all know, creates sparks when two pieces of it are rubbed together and which, as we all know, burns very easily

— was just plain wrong.

What was the best idea that went wrong? Why? And could it have worked if the situation was different?

Well, there are a few contenders, but I think ultimately it has to be the Avro Arrow — a supersonic, all-weather jet fighter that did very well in test flights with pilots.

But like almost every other government project, the **costs** were significantly higher than had been initially estimated (\$1.5 million to \$400 million to \$700 million). The Liberals were in power when the Arrow was built and had to defend the expense. When John Diefenbaker's Conservatives defeated the Liberals in 1957, it took them under two years to cancel the Arrow program.

Were these mostly bad ideas or were they just developed wrong?

Some were bad ideas from the start, but in a lot of other cases, the inventors — or their backers — just lacked the self-confidence or **resources** to follow something through. Two guys from Toronto had a working light bulb before Thomas Edison. They couldn't raise money to develop it so they sold the patent to Edison, who was working on some-

thing similar and just rolled their idea into the mix.

Would you still call these inventors innovators, just because they were willing to try something new and different?

Many of these people were innovators and were **brilliant**. Not all, however. Samuel Hughes was a Conservative minister in charge of getting Canada ready for the First World War. Among his other questionable decisions, he registered a patent in his secretary's name for a new and **improved** shovel and ordered the shovels for his troops. In fact, the soldiers needed shovels to dig the foxholes and trenches that would help protect them in battle. But Hughes' secretary suggested they could use the shovels as shields and put holes in them so the soldiers could shoot from behind them. A shovel with a hole in it just isn't the most effective shovel.

Has Canada learned from these mistakes?

I think Canada has learned a little, but there are still plenty of Canadians who head south to "make it big," and that is a **symptom** of a problem. And some might say Canada doesn't always have the confidence and **boldness**

to support its inventors and innovators.

Can future innovators learn from them?

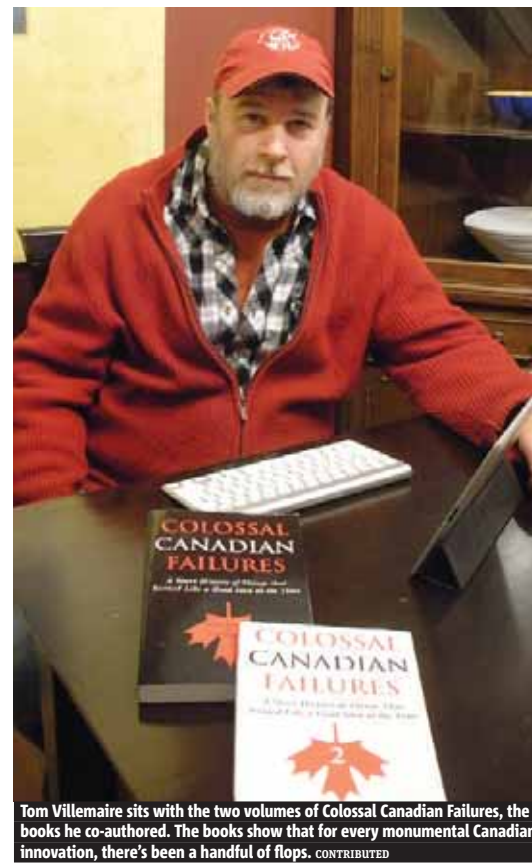
I think future innovators can draw **inspiration** from even the failures. Anyone who wants to try something new is daring to break new ground. That's a scary thing. Failure and doing something new are roommates; they're twins. You can't have one without the other. Even Alexander Graham Bell had failures — like the Cygnet II, a plane he designed with wings created from a wall of kites. At the time, there was nothing that had enough power to get the plane airborne in the first place. But he's not remembered for that; he's remembered for his successes.

How do you see Canada in terms of innovative thinking these days?

We have pretty **amazing** technology people in Canada. You look at the BlackBerry and the Canadarm and even the arms industry with the LAV3 or Stryker. **High-tech** means high pay and good jobs, so it's important to keep that kind of thing in the country.

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Tom Villedmaire sits with the two volumes of Colossal Canadian Failures, the books he co-authored. The books show that for every monumental Canadian innovation, there's been a handful of flops. CONTRIBUTED

Light-sabre classes teach Star Wars fans to feel the force

San Francisco. Ever wanted to put 'Jedi' on your resumé? This workshop will give you the requisite moves

A group of San Francisco Star Wars fans have created a combat choreography class for Jedis-in-training with their weapon of choice: the light sabre.

At a recent class, Alain Bloch, the self-proclaimed Jedi Master at Golden Gate Knights, demonstrated a slicing technique. He has a background in martial arts and stage combat.

"Always be mindful of the presence!" he said, donning a Luke Skywalker outfit and a green light sabre.

With Star Wars movie music coursing through the dance studio, his disciples clutch their neon-glowing light sabres. These self-proclaimed Star Wars geeks slice and parry as they follow Bloch's lead, and they get a little exercise, too.

People in a recent class, including a couple on a date, said



Jim Collum, foreground, and other students work on light-sabre skills during a Golden Gate Knights class in San Francisco on Feb. 10. A group of San Francisco Star Wars fans who want to travel to a galaxy not that far away have created a combat choreography class for Jedis-in-training. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

they embraced their quirkiness and had even converted some of the skeptical into the Jedi order.

"At first they giggle because they think it's a little silly. Then they're like, 'Actually that's kind of cool,'" said Julio Reyes, a student. Not all Jedis-in-training are rooting for

the good guys. Some came to embrace the dark side of the force.

"I just love Vader, period," said the Darth Vader-clad student Gary Ripper. "Just his voice, the way he moved, the power of him. I just liked the powerfulness of him."

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"At first (students) giggle because they think it's a little silly. Then they're like, 'Actually that's kind of cool.'"

Jedi-in-training Julio Reyes

Toys

Lego gets sales boost from girly product lineup

Lego's sales soared 25 per cent last year thanks in part to its new series of building blocks designed for girls. The company said that while Lego Star Wars and Lego Ninjago remained among the most popular series, it was a novel rollout for girls, Lego Friends, that sold better than expected. The line includes mini-figures in pink, a dream house with a pool and a beauty shop. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1 **Terrence Ross.** The Raptors rookie leapfrogged a ballboy before throwing down a one-handed dunk to cement his NBA All-Star dunk contest title. The best part of the win?

He paid homage to Vince Carter by wearing his retro Raptors Jersey for one dunk, and the ballboy was the son of Twitter CEO Dick Costolo. Ross should have live-tweeted as he was dunking.

2 **Seth MacFarlane.** The stuffy, formal Oscars night is loosening up, with the no-holds-barred Seth (Family Guy) MacFarlane hosting the 85th Academy Awards this Sunday. The Academy Awards going edgier like the Golden Globes does is a good thing. Because at the end of the day, who really cares about the boring acceptance speeches?

3 **Harlem Shake.** The new Gangnam Style, this Internet dance phenomenon is based on an electronic dance track by DJ Baauer. Thousands of YouTube videos are being uploaded every day of people doing it, from sports teams to office workers. And unlike Gangnam, you don't have to be a great dancer. Which means I'll be all over this meme soon.

4 **Pancake Manor.** This Canadian YouTube music video series for kids by Billy Reid has garnered more than nine million views. Featuring puppets that educate with high energy music and humour, it's great for entertaining and tiring your preschoolers out — and giving parents a break. Go to pancakemanor.com to discover this brave new kids world.

5 **Danica Patrick.** In a historic sports achievement, Patrick became the first woman to win the pole position for the Daytona 500 — the Super Bowl of NASCAR. She beat the boys by posting a lap of 196.434 m.p.h., and starts alongside Jeff Gordon in the Feb. 24 race. Two words for Patrick: girl power!

6 **Roll Up The Rim.** Tim Hortons' latest Roll Up The Rim promotion has begun. It has become so well known that it now makes headlines each time it starts up. And it's upped the ante for this, their 27th annual event, by including 100 pre-paid MasterCards loaded with \$5,000 each among the prizes. With my luck, I'll just settle for a double double.

7 **Roberto Luongo.** The Vancouver Canucks goalie may have the funniest, most self-deprecating Twitter account in sports @strombone1. He takes you inside the hockey world, poking fun at himself and others who take sport so seriously. A recent tweet said "Almost had him....." with a picture of Luongo giving up a goal he wasn't close to saving. LOL.

8 **Twitter Hacker Club.** A burglar hacked @burgerking's Twitter account Monday, changing the account to McDonald's profile pic. Then Tuesday, someone (reportedly the Whopper hacker) carhacked @jeep's account, saying it had been sold to Cadillac. This was quite a lesson in password security for both companies, but they did pick up plenty of new followers with the attention.

9 **The Junos.** The music machine that is Canadian pop star Carly Rae Jepsen picked up more award nominations this week, this time five to lead the pack for the 2013 Juno Awards, which take place in Regina on April 21. Heck, she got more than the boy who discovered her and launched her career with a tweet, the Biebs. The whole world has her number now.

10 **Big Brother Canada.** From a small-town elementary teacher in Nova Scotia to a T.O. socialite to a Calgary firefighter who likes to party, the first season of Big Brother Canada has all the makings of great Canadian reality TV — and evictions. The show debuts Feb. 27 on Slice. I know I'll be tuning in to check out the hijinks.

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Terrence Ross jumps over a ball kid for his winning dunk. ERIC GAY/POOL/GETTY IMAGES

Putting their backs into it



Mexican carpooling

Daily commute inspires art project

For most of us, riding on the back of a pickup truck would be a once-off trip, but for construction workers in Monterrey, Mexico, it's part of a daily commute. This bird's eye view of labourers is the theme of photographer Alejandro Cartagena's project Car Poolers, exhibited at Los Angeles' Kopeikin Gallery from Feb. 23 to April 6.

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Q&A with photographer

'Simple, honest, life'

How did this photo project come about?

In the summer of 2011, I started going once or twice a week to the same spot — an overpass on Monterrey's Highway 85 going southbound to San Pedro Garza Garcia — to photograph these workers on their way to work. I would stay for two hours and get

just a couple of images I liked; the speed of the trucks made it difficult to get clear shots. After a year, I've arrived with around 120 good images.

How has the reaction to your photos been?

Some people in Mexico have found them humorous, others provocative, but most are very intrigued at the choice of viewpoint to portray the issue...

What issue is that?

The social and economic

kind. If these guys would go on the bus route, it would be too expensive for them, since there are no proper mass low-cost transportation systems. I hope one can reflect on how people's resilience helps them maintain hope of a better life in a country filled with social, political and violent issues.

In three words, how would you describe your photos?

Simple, honest, life.
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@michaelsusden: 2 for 3 on roll up the rims so far. #crushingit #timhortons #rolluptherim

@trudi_e: I'd like to make a decal for driver's windows that says "before entering, remove head from ass"

@LKRSTHMVD: You know it's going to be an interesting day when less than 2 hours in you're already shoutin' worldstar. #WSHH

@ClaudiaHabib: Scotia Square observation — just saw a young guy wearing a jacket and a bowtie. And it looked good! #individualstyle

@devinlockyer: Looks like if you can turn on a video camera you can be a #youtube sensation! I'm in!

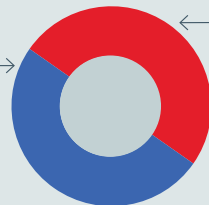
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Dwayne Johnson offers to hunt down a few criminals in exchange for less jail time for his son in *Snitch*. HANDOUT

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The Rock cooks a stinker

Snitch. It's dealers vs. Dwayne Johnson in this movie, with a heavy handed look at America's War on Drugs policy

Richard: Mark, *Snitch* isn't a bad movie, but it is a miscast one. As charismatic as The Rock... er ... Johnson is, his physicality gets in the way. The character is a determined regular Joe willing to go to any lengths to help his son. But how much more effective would it have been if he didn't resemble a cop who could crash the drug dealers he's working with between his muscular thumb and forefinger?

Mark: I wouldn't say it was miscast, but that it was obviously cast. Your idea of casting against type, as an

everyman rather than an action hero, is a tantalizing one. I'm imagining how much more interesting a movie it would be with, say, Ryan Gosling, or even Paul Giamatti. The real question, however, is: when Susan Sarandon and Barry Pepper are support characters in a Dwayne Johnson movie, is this one of the signs of the apocalypse?

RC: Ha! I thought Pepper was OK but you could almost see Sarandon reaching for the paycheck. She has seven movies coming out this year and seems to have wedged this one in as she ran from set to set. Perhaps the movie's message that the "War on Drugs" needs to find a new plan of attack appealed to her, but she's playing this one as a character straight out of Central Casting. What did you think of Jon Bernthal as the ex-con who gives The Rock a hand. Loved him on *The Walking*

Dead and thought he was one of the best things about this movie, even if the conclusion to his story was far fetched.

MB: Well, he was the only one in the movie who brought an element of surprise to his scenes. As far as the story goes, I liked the premise, but I thought the storytelling was kind of sloppy and sometimes it felt like scenes were missing. The violence was restrained for this kind of movie, and I'm not sure if that's a good or a bad thing. And the villains barely registered. They were mostly nasty in theory.

RC: I found the lack of violence refreshing. Given the name, the star and the idea you might have expected this to be a shoot 'em up, and it isn't. It's a father and son story with a twist.

MB: Finally! A drug movie for the whole family!

Synopsis

Dwayne Johnson is John Matthews, owner of a construction company and estranged father to Jason (Rafi Gavron). Jason falls into a Kafka-esque legal loophole when his drug-dealing best friend implicates him as a trafficker in return for a break on jail time. Under America's strict "War on Drugs" laws Jason is facing a mandatory 10-year sentence unless he gives up the name of a co-conspirator, but because he's innocent he has no one to snitch on. John gets the action underway when he says to the U.S. Attorney (Susan Sarandon), "What if I do it for him? What if I help you make arrests?" Cue the cage match between The Rock and drug dealers.

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Rating the hosts

The choice of Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane may seem like yet another attempt by the older-skewing Oscars to appeal to the kids, but he actually has a surprising tendency toward Old Hollywood style. At parties thrown at his house, MacFarlane is even known to sing standards backed by a big band. While the jury's still out on MacFarlane's performance, we thought we'd see what he has to measure up to from the last few years' Awards.

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2009: Hugh Jackman

The Australian charmer — who happens to be a nominee for best actor this year — turned in the hosting performance to beat the year Slumdog Millionaire won. His opening song-and-dance number was the standout, but Broadway veteran Jackman proved he's an all-around talent.

2010: Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin

The likeable comic actors relied heavily on their own charm, but it wasn't enough to save the show. With stale jokes and awkward delivery, their performance felt too much like an ad for their equally disappointing 2009 film It's Complicated.



2011: James Franco and Anne Hathaway

As we remarked during this train wreck, "Apparently there is something James Franco can't do." This brazen attempt at pulling in younger viewers turned out to be a disaster, with current nominee Hathaway seemingly abandoned by Franco, who seemed to have — wisely — given up on the endeavor before it began.



2012: Billy Crystal

After the Franco/Hathaway disaster, the Academy went back to standby Crystal, who hosted his ninth Oscars. But the funnyman's schtick maybe went too old-fashioned, as his bits were generally panned as hokey and out of touch. Case in point: while many in that precious younger demographic might not necessarily know Crystal was dressing up as Sammy Davis Jr. in one bit, they do know what blackface is.

Bryan Cranston on the joys of awards season

If you see Breaking Bad and Argo star Bryan Cranston at Sunday's Academy Awards, know that he's not there of his own volition.

"First of all, I wouldn't go. If I'm not nominated, why am I there?" he tells Metro. "They want me to go the Oscars. I'm not nominated, but Argo is, and it's like, 'Go, go, go! My wife's saying, 'You've got to go! We've got to go! And it's like, 'Really? I don't know. Another tuxedo? From the outside in, you're like, 'Wow! Look at that!' But when you're there, I'm telling you ... I've got to be careful how I phrase this because I don't want to sound like I'm not grateful. I'm grateful for the opportunities."

It's not sitting through the shows themselves that bug Cranston so much as working the red carpets.

"I hate red carpet interviews, because you get as a deep into a conversation as you would in a loud bar," he says "It's awful, it's awful. The publicists, they tell me it's important and you should do it, but any time I go, I ask, 'Can I avoid the red carpet?'"

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Bryan Cranston GETTY IMAGES

Exclusively online

- Metro's own Ned Ehrbar will chronicle the highs and lows of the Academy Awards on Sunday night. You can follow along at metronews.ca or on Twitter with @nedrick
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Will you be watching?

The 85th Academy Awards are on CTV Sunday and those with a stake in office pools will no doubt be glued to their sets. Hosted by Seth MacFarlane, the awards show kicks off at 8:30 p.m. ET. Both CTV and E! will have coverage of the stars walking the red carpet in their finery as they arrive at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood.

Best picture nominees vs. box office success

It's no secret in Hollywood that awards season accolades and box office success don't always go hand in hand — though a high-profile nomination or win will generally boost a film's gross.

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Life of Pi. HANDOUT

So how do the nine best picture nominees rank as far as their global ticket sales?

1. Life of Pi: \$576 million
2. Les Misérables: \$378.9 million
3. Django Unchained: \$365.9 million
4. Lincoln: \$235 million
5. Argo: \$204 million
6. Silver Linings Playbook: \$140 million
7. Zero Dark Thirty: \$101.5 million
8. Amour: \$17 million
9. Beasts of the Southern Wild: \$12 million



The Avengers. HANDOUT

On the flip side, we take a look at how the highest grossing films of 2012 stack up when it comes to Oscar nominations:

1. The Avengers (\$1.5 billion) — 1 nomination
2. Skyfall (\$1.1 billion) — 5 nominations
3. The Dark Knight Rises (\$1.08 billion) 0 nominations
4. The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (\$959.8 million) — 3 nominations
5. Ice Age: Continental Drift (\$875.3 million) — 0 nominations



Steven Spielberg's Lincoln is the favourite to win best picture with four to one odds. HANDOUT

The odds-on Oscar favourites

With odds of four to one, Steven Spielberg's Lincoln is still the favourite to win the big prize of best picture at the Academy Awards Sunday, according to Gold Derby, which tracks the chances for Oscar nominees.

That's despite the surge of support — and wins at other awards shows — for Ben Affleck's Argo, which started when Affleck was left out of the best director race, which Spielberg is also most likely to take, with 12 to five odds.

In the acting categories, it's no surprise to anyone that Lincoln star Daniel Day-Lewis is most likely on his way to becoming the first three-time best actor winner in Oscar History, with a 39 per cent chance of

victory.

The only nominee with better odds of scoring a trophy is Anne Hathaway, nominated for best supporting actress for Les Misérables.

The best actress race is much more interesting, with Silver Linings Playbook star Jennifer Lawrence (33 per cent) edging out Zero Dark Thirty's Jessica Chastain (30 per cent). Amour star Emmanuelle Riva, thought to be something of a potential spoiler, currently has 12 to one odds of winning. Just for comparison, our predictions when the nominations were announced last month had Lincoln, Spielberg, Day-Lewis and Chastain winning. We'll see how right we are come Sunday evening. NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

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Actor J.K. Simmons on his foray into horror films with his role in the

Thriller



Dark Skies

Director. Scott Stewart

Stars. Keri Russell,
Josh Hamilton

Freaky happenings abound in Dark Skies — a supernatural thriller about a

young family that suddenly begins experiencing such disturbing events as unexplained nose bleeds and 800 birds inexplicably flying into their house. But the teeth really begin gnashing when the Barrett clan suspects the work of aliens. A loose ending may put off conventional moviegoers but filmmaker Scott Stewart crafts a pretty creepy story — even if it jumps a bit of logic.

STEVE GOW

McGregor is the number one super guy



Ewan McGregor, right, loves the humour of his character in Jack the Giant Slayer. HANDOUT

Jack the Giant Slayer. Star takes on the role of a well-intentioned knight who needs a little help from his sidekick Jack



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Ewan McGregor gets his daring-do on for director Bryan Singer in Jack the Giant Slayer, playing a knight who's forthright and heroic — to a fault — as he and Jack (Nicholas Hoult) try to rescue a princess from the aforementioned giants. But McGregor's inspiration for the character may surprise you.

You look fantastic in this movie. It seems like you haven't aged in the last 10 years. What gives? (Laughs) I don't have a secret to that, I'm afraid.

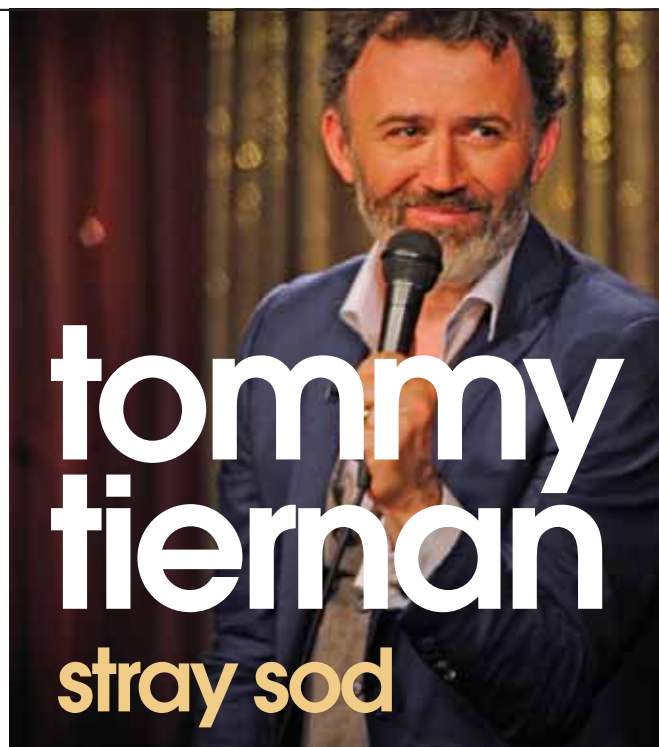
When you're presented with a forthright knight type of character, how do you approach that?

I don't know, it's a pretty understandable character. It's a sort of classic role. It's not something new, really. I just played what was on the page, really. It's very well and clearly written in the script. And I liked the humour that was in the writing was very good. I like the fact that he's sort of very gung-ho but very often doesn't quite get things right, and then Jack has to come along behind him and tidy things up. Sort of like a Hong Kong Phooey type style. That cartoon was one of my main sources of research, Hong Kong Phooey.

It's nice to see you working with your Trainspotting co-star Ewan Bremner again. We did Black Hawk Down together and then we did another film called Perfect Sense together, so this is the fourth film that we've made together. I'm always happy to work with him because he's a great actor, Ewan. I like working with him very much. But yeah, four films we've made together now, so it'll be interesting to see what the next one is. We don't have anything planned that I know of.



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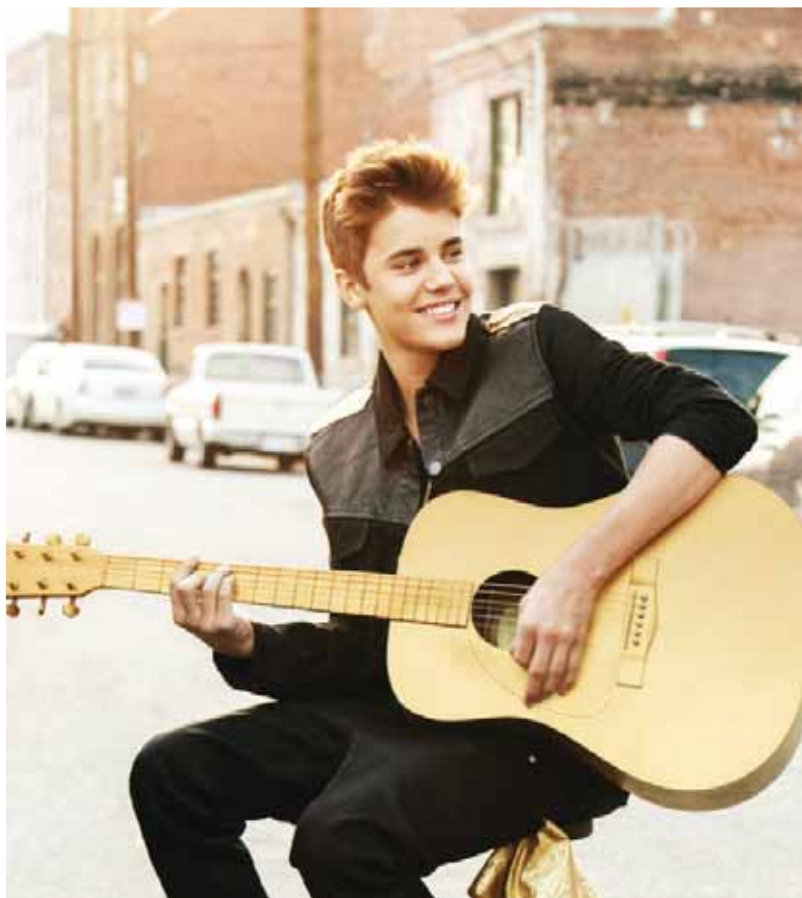
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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Diane Lane and Josh Brolin to divorce



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Quoted

"It was a mutual decision. It is very amicable. It's not ugly, it's just over."

A part of the announcement released by a representative for the couple

After eight years of marriage, Diane Lane and Josh Brolin are over.

A representative for the couple released this curt announcement to Us Weekly: "Diane Lane and Josh Brolin have decided to end their marriage. It was a mutual decision. It is very amicable. It's not ugly, it's just over."

The couple have no children.

What was it, Diane? Was it when he was arrested on a misdemeanor

charge of domestic battery in 2004? Or the two public intoxication charges, one in 2008 and the latest on New Year's Day in Santa Monica? Did you just have enough of the Brolin drunk charm?

And if Brolin's rage issues were that bad when you were "happily married," what in the world will happen when he's drowning his sorrows over the split? If I were the owner of his nearby dive bar, I'd lock my doors.

The LaBeouf rebuff

Shia LaBeouf has exited what would have been his Broadway debut — in a revival of Orphans alongside Alec Baldwin — less than a month before previews were to begin, but there's been plenty of drama since he quit.

LaBeouf, who is rather new to Twitter, decided to use the social-networking site to publish emails between himself, Baldwin, director Daniel Sullivan and co-star Tom Sturridge that all suggest some sort of squabble between LaBeouf and Baldwin that precipitated his exit. "I'm too old for disagreeable situations," Sullivan writes in an email to LaBeouf. "You're one hell of a great actor. Alec is who he is. You are who you are. You two are incompatible. I should have known it. This one will haunt me. You tried to warn me. You said you were a different breed. I didn't get it."

They found love in a hopeless place?



So much for those breakup rumours. Rihanna is celebrating her 25th birthday this week by escaping to Hawaii with Chris Brown by her side. The birthday girl posted a photo to Instagram of her smiling self perched on Brown's lap in the back of a limo.

They were also spotted seaside in Honolulu, according to E! News. "Chris was leading Rihanna by the hand," a source says of their brief beach walk. "She was puffing on something as she walked and seemed very relaxed and happy. Her hair was blowing and she twirled around. She looked totally free and like she was really enjoying her birthday. Chris was protective and made sure to hold her hand as they walked."

Lights! Camera! Stop the show!

Matthew Broderick put the brakes on a recent performance of his Broadway show, Nice Work if You Can Get It, when he spotted an audience member taking a video of the show, according to E! News. A rep for the production confirms that Broderick, upon noticing the filming, called a stop to the action and addressed the videographer in question, asking him politely if he would refrain from doing that.



Matthew Broderick

Party bites worthy of an Academy Award

Canapes may sound stuffy, but they actually are the ultimate in ease when it comes to party food. Plus, they look great and can be combined in endless ways to suit any taste.

So here is simple formula

for making canapes: divide them into four components — bases, spreads, toppings and garnishes. For each canape, all you do is select one item from each category, then assemble. And the easiest way to assem-

ble enough for a party is to set out all of your ingredients (clustered by category), then just start selecting and building.

If you're planning on an Oscars viewing party, you might even consider turning the

making of the canapes into a pre-party. Set out everything on the counter, pour some wine and invite a few guests to come early and help assemble (and sample, of course).

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Each spread recipe makes enough to top 24 canapés. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bases

- 24 multigrain crackers
- 24 thin slices of seedless cucumber
- 24 toasted baguette slices
- 24 purchased phyllo cups (found in the grocer's freezer section)

Spreads

Zesty Barbecue

- 3 tbsp barbecue sauce
- 2 tbsp red pepper jelly
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- Splash of hot sauce

1. In bowl, stir ingredients.

Orange Sweet Potato

- 1 sweet potato, microwaved until fork-tender
- 2 tbsp orange marmalade
- 1 tbsp cider vinegar
- Salt, black pepper

1. Peel potato and mash in bowl. Stir in marmalade and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper.

Toppers

- Small cooked and peeled shrimp
- Shredded cooked chicken
- Halved cherry tomatoes
- Crab meat
- Small wedges of manchego cheese

Garnishes

- Shaved Parmesan cheese
- Sliced green and black olives
- Sliced hot peppers (such as piri piri or Peppadew)
- Sliced scallions

To assemble the canapés, arrange the bases on a large serving tray. Top each with a small dollop of one of the spreads. Press one of the topping choices into the spread, then finish each with a garnish.

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With the Oscar's awarded this Sunday, here are my picks for the right booze to match with each of the best picture nominees.

Les Misérables

Victor Hugo was French, loved Paris, and Paris loves the wines of Bordeaux. Go Right Bank, where merlot rules and the wines are softer and easier drinking.

Zero Dark Thirty

Osama bin Laden may have abstained, but his American hunters probably enjoyed a shot of Bourbon. Try a robust, single barrel version.

Life of Pi

I'd go with a sweeter white riesling from Germany. It likes pie.

Django Unchained

This spaghetti western, à la Tarantino, deserves a nice Italian red made with the sangiovese grape from Tuscany's Chianti region.

Lincoln

Daniel Day-Lewis is a Brit, and Lincoln had more than enough reasons to take a drink. Together they make a strong case for a full-bodied English (or U.S.) ale.

Argo

Though it's sour grapes for the Academy for leaving its helmsman off the best director list, I'm betting Ben Affleck will be drinking some bubbly, like Moët & Chandon's non-vintage Brut Imperial champagne (\$60.75 to \$65), when his flick wins best picture.

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He's a little bit country: Dean Brody

Canadian country singer Dean Brody hits the Casino Nova Scotia stage Saturday for two back-to-back shows. With one of the shows already sold out, best to get your ticket now to see Brody for his The Dirt Tour 2013. Seeing the newly crowned male artist of the year and album of year recipient on a hometown stage isn't a bad way to spend a Saturday night. casinonovascotia.com.



Creative competition: Art Battle Halifax

Art Battle Canada returns to a canvas near you. The Bus Stop Theatre once again hosts this truly original evening combining art and sport. The winning painter will qualify for the Halifax finals this summer, with a chance to earn a spot in the Art Battle National Championship to be held in Toronto on July 23. The event can only hold 150 spectators so get on it. artbattle.ca.



On display: Zombie World

A community art show with absolutely no life ... in a good way. Zombie World features works by young artists under the tutelage of recent NSCAD graduate Justin West and is a project developed to create news reports on any subject through any medium. The idea took shape when two classmates started drawing a world populated by zombies and military-like figures.



Listen up: New Music Friday

With the East Coast Music Awards fast approaching, it's high time we get out there and listen in to what the region's pumping out through the amps. Every Friday night, The Harbourfront Lounge hosts three bands, each one representing different stages in development. With the goal of celebrating and promoting new local music while giving these acts the opportunity to build up their fan base, take advantage of a great stage, and play their hearts out to the Friday crowd. musicnovascotia.ca.



Tasty Treat: Yeh! Frozen Yogurt and Café

Halifax's Pizza Corner has a sweet new neighbour. Much like other famed Fro-Yo cafés, Yeh! is a serve yourself experience where customers pick their own yogurt and toppings and feel badly about themselves after weighing and paying for their treat. Open late and well stocked, Yeh! is an experience by the ounce. Or pound. yehyogurt.com.



Listen in: The Vinyl Café

The Vinyl Café is a radio show heard on CBC Radio. Among other select stations across North America, the show's writer and host, Stuart McLean, uses this platform to feature stories, essays and of course music. This week McLean is sitting down with East Coast music ambassador Joel Plaskett of Halifax at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. The last show takes place Friday night. artscentre.dal.ca.

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AUS men's hockey

Huskies down Axemen to tie series 1-1

It was just a matter of time before the Saint Mary's Huskies unleashed their firepower.

After a scoreless first period in Game 2 of the Atlantic University Sport men's semifinal, the Huskies responded with a three-goal second period en route to a 4-2 series-tying victory over the Acadia Axemen in front of 1,795 fans at the Halifax Forum on Thursday night.

"We didn't make the same mistakes this time," said Huskies forward Stephen Johnston, who collected a goal and an assist. "We played smarter and capitalized on our chances."

The best-of-five series is now tied 1-1.

Saint Mary's netminder Anthony Peters was solid, making several key saves down the stretch.

"We stuck to the game plan, the guys played great. We kept it simple, got pucks deep," said Peters.

Acadia will host Game 3 on Saturday at 7 p.m.

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MMA

Cole Harbour's Grant to compete in UFC 160

Cole Harbour's UFC lightweight contender T.J. Grant will fight in UFC 160 in Las Vegas on May 25.

Grant (7-3), a perfect 4-0 as a lightweight, will face two-time title challenger Gray Maynard (12-1-1).

Grant is coming off an impressive first-round knockout over Matt Wiman last month.

Maynard is widely regarded as Grant's toughest opponent yet.

The main event will see a showdown between Cain Velasquez and Antonio Silva for the heavyweight championship. **METRO**

Scotties

Arsenault loses must-win to Ontario

Team Nova Scotia saw its playoff hopes dashed on Thursday night at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Kingston, Ont.

Mary-Anne Arsenault opened the day beating Prince Edward Island 9-6, but lost 6-5 to Ontario in the evening draw to fall to 4-5.

Nova Scotia plays New Brunswick and Alberta Friday to close out the round robin. **METRO**



Halifax Mooseheads forward Jonathan Drouin scores a goal against the Prince Edward Island Rocket last week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Drouin staying humble during MVP-type year

QMJHL. Halifax's leading scorer says he's focused solely on winning a championship



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Very early on, Jonathan Drouin's dad knew his boy had an extraordinary talent.

As far back as the Mooseheads' leading scorer can remember, his father did his best to ensure that talent was harnessed and his son stayed true to himself.

The pair is in touch every

day. While the 17-year-old is averaging over two points per game this season, and maintains a 21-game point streak (20 goals, 26 assists), his father remains his rock amidst a storm of hype and expectations.

"Every day he'll text or call, he reminds me not to take games off and just be myself," Drouin said after practice Thursday.

What's important for Drouin at the moment is leading his club to its first QMJHL title, not winning league MVP, which certainly may be the case.

"It would be an honour but when the team's altogether, we don't talk about that stuff," he said. "At the start of

Upcoming games

Jonathan Drouin will be in the lineup for the Mooseheads' weekend home stint at the Metro Centre. On Friday the Moose welcome the Saint John Sea Dogs at 7 p.m., and the Bathurst Titan at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

the season I wasn't ready to average two points per game, I was hoping for one point per game."

Drouin has amassed 86 points in just 40 games, placing him fourth in QMJHL scoring while playing in 18 games less than the league's top point getter, Peter Train-

er of the Rimouski Oceanic. Trainor has 40 goals and 90 points in 58 games.

While his superior puck handling, passing and scoring talents are clearly evident, his current linemate Stephen MacAulay says he possesses a burning passion that some may miss.

"He's not the biggest guy on the ice but he wins most of the battles because of his mental toughness," said MacAulay. "He doesn't give up."

Drouin is ranked to go in the top-five in the upcoming NHL draft. However, for now, he's letting the scouts worry about that.

"I just have to keep being the same guy I was at the beginning of the year."

QMJHL. League slaps Wildcats' Johnston with 15-game suspension

The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League has come down hard on a Moncton Wildcats player whose reckless stick-swinging incident resulted in a broken jaw to Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Brian Lovell.

Ross Johnston, a forward with the Wildcats, has been suspended 15 games by the QMJHL for the incident that happened in the third period of last Saturday's game at the Metro Centre.

On the play, Johnston's stick was stuck in-between two panels of glass, and as he yanked his stick out, it swung widely and struck Lovell in the jaw.

There was no penalty called on the play.

Raymond Bolduc, the director of player safety in the QMJHL, issued the suspension.

"The director of player safety took this decision after having viewed the videos of the

incident, reviewed the medical report, spoken to the players and the organizations involved and after consulting the independent committee in the matter of disciplinary sanctions and his senior advisor Sebastien Bordeleau," a statement on the QMJHL website reads.

Lovell is out for about six weeks after having surgery on his jaw.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO



Brian Lovell JEFF HARPER/METRO



Bruins forward Nathan Horton shoots ahead of Lightning defenceman Benoit Pouliot on Thursday night in Tampa, Fla.

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Horton too hot for Lightning to handle

NHL. Forward nets pair and Bruins' penalty kill steps up to stop high-powered Tampa Bay

Nathan Horton had another successful performance against Tampa Bay, in Boston's latest road win.

Horton scored two goals and the Bruins beat the Lightning 4-2 on Thursday night.

"He's one of the elite right-wingers in the league when he's on top of his game," Boston coach Claude Julien said. "He's got so much potential, and we know that. He's been through some tough times with that concussion, and hopefully we get him back healthy and get some consistency out of his game because he certainly deserves it."

Patrice Bergeron and Brad

On Thursday

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Bruins

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Lightning

said. "Luckily, we got two. We kind of saved ourselves a little bit of trouble after they came back."

Marchand has nine goals on 20 shots this season.

Tampa Bay got goals from Steven Stamkos and Cory Conacher, but the Lightning's two-game winning streak, which followed an 0-5-1 stretch, was snapped.

"That's what we've got to aim for, beat that kind of team," Lightning coach Guy Boucher said. "At ice level, this was probably the most intense game of the year."

The Lightning went 0 for 3 on the power play. Boston has given up just three goals in 54 short-handed situations.

"They don't give up much on the PK," Stamkos said. "So that's definitely an area we could have been a lot better. We couldn't even get into the zone."

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Marchand, from Hammonds Plains, also scored for Boston, which improved to 6-1-1 on the road. Horton has 26 goals and 46 points in 45 games against the Lightning.

After blowing a two-goal lead, the Bruins took a 3-2 advantage on Marchand's goal from the slot with 6:02 to go in the second. Horton extended the lead to 4-2 when he redirected Zdeno Chara's pass at 2:33 of the third.

"We wanted to make sure that we got the first one tonight and try to quiet the crowd down a bit," Marchand

NHL

Leafs send Sabres to another loss

James van Riemsdyk scored twice to power the Toronto Maple Leafs past the struggling Buffalo Sabres 3-1 on Thursday night, spoiling the NHL head-coaching debut of Ron Rolston.

Rolston was named the Sabres interim coach following the club's stunning decision to fire Lindy Ruff.

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NBA

James hot again as Heat down Bulls

LeBron James scored 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and the Miami Heat beat the Chicago Bulls 86-67 on Thursday for their season-high ninth straight win. James also had seven assists in another big performance after ending his seven-game streak of scoring at least 30 on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World Baseball Classic

Votto undecided on joining Canada

Canada will have to wait a little longer to see if its best hitter will compete at the World Baseball Classic.

Joey Votto was included on the team's final 28-man roster released on Thursday, but he won't make a decision to join the team until Canada's opening game against Italy on March 8.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	38	14	.731	—
New York	32	19	.627	5 1/2
Indiana	31	21	.611	6
Brooklyn	33	22	.600	6 1/2
Chicago	31	23	.574	8
Atlanta	29	23	.558	9
Boston	28	26	.519	11
Milwaukee	26	27	.491	12 1/2
Philadelphia	22	30	.423	16
Toronto	22	33	.400	17 1/2
Detroit	22	34	.393	18
Cleveland	17	37	.315	22
Washington	15	37	.288	23
Orlando	15	39	.278	24
Charlotte	13	41	.241	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	43	12	.782	—
Oklahoma City	39	15	.722	3 1/2
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	4 1/2
Memphis	35	18	.660	7
Denver	34	21	.618	9
Golden State	31	23	.574	11 1/2
Utah	31	24	.564	12
Houston	30	26	.536	13 1/2
L.A. Lakers	26	29	.473	17
Portland	25	29	.463	17 1/2
Dallas	24	29	.453	18
Minnesota	20	31	.392	21
New Orleans	19	36	.345	24
Sacramento	19	36	.345	24
Phoenix	18	37	.327	25

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Thursday's results

Miami 86 Chicago 67
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers
Wednesday's results
Memphis 88 Toronto 82
Indiana 125 New York 91
Detroit 105 Charlotte 99
Cleveland 105 New Orleans 100
Minnesota 94 Philadelphia 87
Brooklyn 97 Milwaukee 94
Houston 122 Oklahoma City 119
Miami 103 Atlanta 90
Dallas 111 Orlando 96
L.A. Lakers 112 Boston 99
Golden State 108 Phoenix 98

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Houston at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
New Jersey	17	10	3	4	45	40	24
Pittsburgh	17	11	6	0	57	44	22
NY Rangers	16	8	6	2	41	41	18
Philadelphia	19	8	10	1	53	59	17
NY Islanders	17	7	9	1	50	60	15

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	17	11	4	2	49	39	24
Boston	14	10	2	2	41	33	22
Toronto	18	11	7	0	51	41	22
Ottawa	18	10	6	2	43	34	22
Buffalo	18	6	11	1	48	59	13

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	15	8	6	1	44	44	17
Tampa Bay	16	8	7	1	61	51	17
Winnipeg	16	7	8	1	41	50	15
Florida	16	5	7	4	40	58	14
Washington	16	5	10	1	43	54	11

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Thursday's results

Florida 5 Philadelphia 2
New Jersey 3 Washington 2
Toronto 3 Buffalo 1
Winnipeg 4 Carolina 3
NY Islanders 4 Montreal 3 (OT)
Ottawa 3 NY Rangers 2 (SO)

Friday's games

Boston 4 Tampa Bay 2
Columbus 3 Detroit 2
Vancouver 4 Dallas 3
Minnesota at Edmonton

Wednesday's results

Philadelphia 6 Pittsburgh 5
Colorado 1 St. Louis 0 (OT)
Los Angeles 3 Calgary 1

All Times Eastern

Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

New Jersey at Washington, 12 p.m.
Winnipeg at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Edmonton, 3:30 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
NY Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.

NY Islanders at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Calgary, 10 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	16	13	0	3	55	34	29
Nashville	17	8	4	5	39	38	21
St. Louis	17	9	6	2	53	51	20
Detroit	17	7	7	3	45	51	17
Columbus	17	5	10	2	39	53	12

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	16	9	3	4	48	40	22
Minnesota	15	7	6	2	33	38	16
Colorado	15	7	7	1	38	43	15
Edmonton	15	6	6	3	36	41	15
Calgary	15	5	7	3	40	54	13

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	15	12	2	1	53	39	25
San Jose	15	8	4	3	39	34	19
Phoenix	16	8	6	2	44	41	18
Dallas	17	8	8	1	44	47	17
Los Angeles	15	7	6	2	36	38	16

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First Period

1. Buffalo, Ennis 6 (Stafford) 13:20

Penalties — Brown Tor (Roughing) 15:08,

Sulzer Buf (Holding) 19:18.

Second Period

2. Toronto, Phaneuf 3 (Kessel, Franson)

1:15 (pp)

3. Toronto, van Riemsdyk 10 (Kessel,

Kostka) 18:04

Penalties — Gerbe Buf (Tripping) 3:38,

Porter Buf (Goalender Interference) 7:08,

Bench Tor (Too Many Men) 12:55.

Third Period

4. Toronto, van Riemsdyk 11 (Franson,

Phaneuf) 14:28 (pp)

Penalties — Scott Buf (Fighting) 3:07,

McLaren Tor (Fighting) 3:07, Gerbe Buf

(Roughing) 4:14, Phaneuf Tor (Roughing)

4:14, Porter Buf (Tripping) 12:36, Hecht

Buf (Delay of Game) 13:20, Komarov Tor

(Holding) 16:00.

Shots

Buffalo 13 6 13—32

Toronto 10 15 10—35

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Toronto: Scrivens (W, 5-4-0).

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Patrick steers clear of danger to keep Daytona 500 pole position

NASCAR. Female driver plays it safe in the first 150-mile Budweiser Duel, finishes 17th out of 23

Her car led the field to green, then Danica Patrick never gave herself a chance to race for the win at Daytona.

She's saving that all-out push for the Daytona 500.

Patrick had an easy choice in her first race since winning the pole for The Great American Race. She played it safe and stayed back on Thursday, keeping her pole position for the Daytona 500.

All Patrick needed to do was keep her car intact to preserve the top spot for Sunday's Daytona 500. She started on the

pole for the first 150-mile Budweiser Duel before she faded into the field and finished 17th out of 23 cars.

"I suppose there's a sense of relief," she kept the pole, Patrick said. "But at the same point in time, I'm a race-car driver, and it's not fun to have to protect and be careful and be cautious and drop back at times."

Patrick was nowhere near the four-lap sprint to the finish that saw Kevin Harvick hold off Greg Biffle for the win.

Patrick became the first woman in history to win a pole in NASCAR's Sprint Cup series. Team owner Gene Haas even suggested — perhaps jokingly — that Patrick start and park after two laps and save the car.

No driver has won the Daytona 500 from the pole since Dale Jarrett in 2000.

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Danica Patrick stands in the garage during practice for the NASCAR Nationwide Series DRIVE4COPD 300 at Daytona International Speedway on Thursday in Daytona Beach, Fla. JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY IMAGES

Playing favourites

Harvick no longer an underdog

Perfect so far at Speedweeks, Kevin Harvick has positioned himself as the favourite to win the Daytona 500. It's the last label he wanted.

"We like to be the lame-duck underdog. That's what we're shooting for," Harvick said.

Harvick won the first Daytona 500 qualifying race on Thursday to make it 2-for-2 at Daytona International Speedway, where he also won an exhibition race last weekend.

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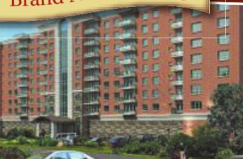
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- and -

LINDA EILEEN STUBBS

DEFENDANT

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Rules are meant to be broken, especially if they were made in someone else's favour. The bottom line is that your own needs come first. If that means going too far in some people's eyes, well, so be it.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Not everyone is as careful and conscientious as you and there is a real possibility that a mistake has been made. It may not be a serious one but it could affect you in some way, so check other people's work.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

There is one particular thing that needs your full and undivided attention today. You know what it is and you know you will have to focus hard if you are going to succeed. Don't let anything distract you.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Honesty is essential, even if it means that a long-standing friendship is put to the test. You may be tempted to avoid the truth to spare someone's feelings but in the long-term it will do more harm than good.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Someone needs to keep a clear head today and that someone has to be you. Others may get emotional but you must insist on common sense all the way down the line, for their sake as well as your own.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There are so many changes going on that you probably can't keep track of them all. Don't worry. Most of them will work in your favour. One warning though: Don't make promises you may not be able to keep.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Certain duties may be a pain but you know they have to be done. Even with its petty annoyances this could be a positive time for you. Show people that you can be trusted to work on your own.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Something you had a hard time getting your head around yesterday will be as clear as crystal today. No doubt you will mentally kick yourself for being so dense but don't worry about it. You're allowed an off day now and again.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The first step in resolving a problem is to admit that it exists, so stop making excuses and face the reality of your present situation. The moment you do that is the moment the answers start coming.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Something is worrying you but you can't put your finger on what it might be. Whatever it is the planets suggest it's not worth the effort, so focus on more pleasant thoughts. Don't let worry become a habit.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

A new path is beckoning and all you have to do is put one foot in front of the other and start walking. Just do it, otherwise you'll find all sorts of reasons to stay where you are.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If you have an important decision to make today, you must take your time and get it right. If people press you to decide right away you can bet there is more in it for them than there is for you.

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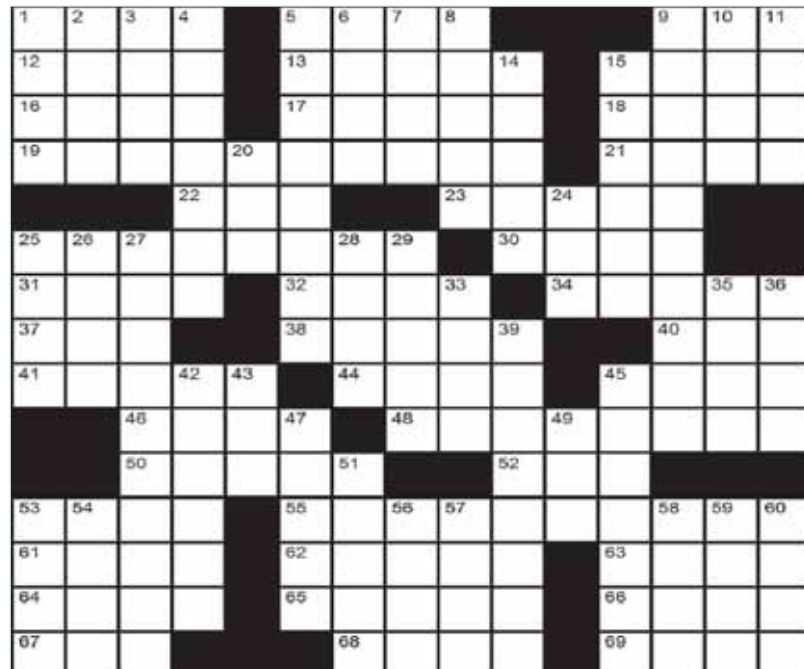
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Slightly open
5. Switch
9. "Skedaddle!"
12. ___ Modern (London, England art gallery)
13. French painter Edouard
15. Ben Affleck movie up for Best Picture
16. Aesir ruler
17. Solo
18. Subj. with maps
19. This year's Oscars host, Seth ___
21. Actor Jared
22. Soak flax
23. Actor Mr. Hawke
25. Great Lake
30. Elegant instrument
31. Get ___ deal
32. "Ghostbusters" (1984) character, Dr. ___ Spengler
34. Bit of an '80s Bonnie Tyler hit: "I ___ hero..."
37. Greek alphabet's 19th letter
38. "Sexy ___" by The Beatles
40. Help
41. Daytime's DeGeneres
44. "A Beautiful ___" (2001)
45. "Behold!" to Brutus
46. Radar signal
48. Those up for Oscars
50. Speedy
52. Texter's "Are you serious?!"
53. Squabble
55. Item on Wolfgang Puck's Governors Ball menu for the Oscars: ___ with Pesto and Grilled Vegetables
61. Actress Ms. Russo
62. Blatant
63. British playwright, ___ Coward
64. Mrs. Lincoln's maiden name
65. Clown in the opera Pagliacci
66. Prefix that means 'Within'
67. Fire or Army
68. Cable sports channel
69. Chair

Down

1. Bit of matter



2. Will Smith's wife
3. Suffix with 'Problem'
4. Holt ___ (Swanky retailer)
5. Colourful candies
6. Partition
7. Old World buffalo
8. Type of pasta
9. Environmental activism group
10. "___ Stung" by Elvis Presley
11. "Is that for here or ___?" (Fast food query)
14. Pre red carpet appointment, ___ whitening
15. Dazzling
20. Irish airline, ___ Lingus

24. Harrison Ford role, ___ Solo
25. Fully satisfy
26. ___ Mountains (Range in Russia)
27. "Canadian Man" country singer: 2 wds.
28. Old Irish alphabet [var. sp.]
29. Sculptor of The Thinker
33. El ___ (Warm ocean current)
35. Board game pieces
36. Lemony drinks
39. Alberta city
42. Joyful
43. ___-and-tuck
45. Search ___ (Google, and others)
47. Basketball court maneuver

49. Pixie
51. Bell Biv ___ (Music group)
53. Title for a Miss, in Spanish [abbr.]
54. Hireling
56. Mil. titles
57. "What ___ off!" (It's too expensive)
58. No-fly, for one
59. Catherine ___ Jones
60. Frequently: 2 wds.

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